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E that is an Informer, is a Persecutor, and Spoiler, and a Destroyer; and the DEVIL is the Head of all Informers, Persecutors and Destroyers of the RIG HTEOUS.

He is an Adversary of the Happiness of all God's People, and an Accuser of them: He is a Serpent, an Enemy to all that which is good: See his Emnity against Adam and Eve, and against their Happiness, how it did appear against Adam and Eve in Genesis.

And see his Enmity in the Sodomites, who vexed Just and Righteous Lot's Soul from day to day: and Noah, a Preacher of Righteousness to the old ungodly World, who did not regard him, no more than Sodom did Lot; but the one was drowned, and the other was turned into Ashes.

And fee the Serpent's Enmity in the Jews, and in Corah, Dathan and Abiram against Moses; and what became of them who would have stoned him?

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And you may fee the Enmity of the Serpent in the Jews against the Prophets: and did not both the ten Tribes and the two Tribes go into Captivity for disobeying the Lord? like their Father Adam in their Enmity against his Prophets and righteous People.

And likewife you may see the Enmity of the Serpent in the Jews against Christ and his Apostles, insomuch that Christ called the Jews, Serpents, and of their Father the Devil: and what became of those Jews? were they not scatter'd among all Nations, and Jerusalem and

their Place of Worship destroyed?

And hat Condition is all Christendom in, that is erred from the Holy Ghost and Power the Apostles ere in? have they not received the unclean ghost or foul spirit of the Devil, the Enmity, Adversary, Accuser and Destroyer, that old Informer, that makes them to destroy one another, makes them to envy and accuse, and Informers, and Destroyers of the Righteous? And that foul spirit or unclean ghost hath brought Christendom all on heaps, one against another, that are not in the Spirit and Power of Christ the Apostles were in.

And in Iob, chap. 1, 2. there you may see, the Devil and Satan, who was the Enmity and Murderer, appeared against Iob and his Sons and Daughters, to the spoiling of his Goods, yea and his Wise, who said unto Iob, Curse God and dye; but Iob called her, A foolish Woman, and did not sin with his Lips, though he lost his Sons and Daughters, and his Goods, and was stript of all; and though the Devill, Satan, said unto the Lord, If that he would put his hand against Job, Job would curse him to his face, Chap. 1, ver. 11.

And again, Satan the Informer faid, Skin for skin, yea all that a man hath, will be give for his Life; but put forth thine Hand now, and touch

bis Bone, and Flesh, and he will Curse thee to thy face, Job. 2.

But in all these false Informations of the Devill, who was a murderer and a Lyar from the beginning, and so was proved and manisest to be both a murderer, and a lyar and a false accuser; for Job blessed the Lord, and did not fin with his Lips, Job 1,2. Chapters.

And Iob's Friends were miserable Comforters; for the Lordsaid, His Wrath was kindled against them: for they had not spoken right of the Lord, as his Servant Iob had; and therefore Iob was to pray to the Lord for them; and the Lord heard Iob's Prayer for them.

And loseph's mistris was a wicked Informer, to her husband, against innocent loseph; first she Informed the men of her house, then she Informed her husband, whose wrath was kindled against him, that he took him, and cast him into prison. And all this was because loseph

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would not yeild unto his Mistriss's wiekedness, and Sin against God; so here was the Serpent, and the Devil, the adversary, appeared against Innocent Joseph whom God was withal, and made him to prof-

per , Genesis 40.

But in Proverbs 7. you may fee, how the Woman, with the attire of a Harlot, and finbility of heart, whose feet abides not in her House, and lieth in wait, in every Corner of the Street, in Twielight in the Evening, in the black and dark Night, deceived the Young Man, void of understanding; for they that have understanding; will shun her; for by the means of a Whorish Woman, a man is brought to a piece of Bread, and the Adulterous will hunt for the precious Life of the Righteous.

And though the Informers, and Archers, did forely grieve Joseph, and shot at him, and hated him, yet his bow abode in strength, and Joseph's Brethren did envie him for his Dream, but his Father Ja-

cob observed his sayings.

And you may see how Pharoah King of Agypt, informed his People, the Agyptians, against the Children of Israel, and set Task-Masters over them, that made their lives bitter; and the Agyptian Task-Masters obeyed Pharaoh's Commands, and made them to make Brick without Straw, and serve with Rigour: But the Hebrew-Midwives would not obey Pharaoh, to kill the Men-Children; and the more Pharaoh and his Task-Masters persecuted and oppress them, the more they Multiplyed, But what became of Pharaoh, and all his Persecutors and Informers at Last? Did not God overthrow them in the Sea, and deliver his People?

There Ran a Young man, and told Moses, and said, Illdad, and Madad were Prophecying in the Camp: and one said unto Moses, My Lord sorbid them; and Moses said unto him; Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the Lords People were Prophets; and

that the Lord mould put his Spirit upon them, Numb. 11.

Here Moses did not give Credit, to those Informers, but rather reproved them, & encouraged the Frophers, desiring that all the Lordo People were Prophers. So Moses was far off from saying, have them before a Magistrate, and Fine them 20 l. apiece, for speaking. And what became of all those that went to search the Land of Canaan, and brought an evil report upon the Land of Canaan, cont ary to God's promise, and to Joshua and Caleb, that these false Insor-

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Informers made the Congregation fo envious, that they were ready to stone Moses? and did not those false Informers, and them that joyned with them, their Carcasses fall in the Wilderness? Numb. 14. And what became of Corah, Dathan, and Abiram, and the 250. Princes, that were famous in the Congregation, and men of renown, which told Mofes and Aaron, Ye take too much upon you. seeing all the Congregation were holy, everyone of them; for the Lord is among them: wherefore then lift you up your selves above the Congregation of the Lord. See what high words these Informers could speak. to infense the Congregation against Moses and Aaron, and such as feared God. Did not the Earth swallow up Corah and his Company alive? and did not a Fire come from the Lord, and confume the 250. men? And on the morrow all the Congregation of the Children of Ifrael murmured against Moses, and told him, He had killed the people of the Lord: Did not the Wrath of the Lord go out against them, and there dyed of the Plague 14700. of them? So here was the End of those Murmurers, or Informers, and Rebels against the Lord, his Truth and People? Numb. 16.

And again, you may see what Moab said unto the Elders of Median against the Children of Israel; and Balack sent the Elders of Moab, and the Elders of Median, to Balaam with Rewards of Divination in their hands, to Curse the Jews, the People of God; but the Lord sorbad Balaam to curse them, though Balaam loved the Reward of Unrighteousness: and Balack sent yet again Princes more honourable than the first Elders; and Balack told Balaam, He would promote him to great Honour, if he would Curse the Children of Israel. But see what came upon Balaam; his Ass reproved him, and the Lord made him to speak that which consounded Balaam: and after was not Balaam and the Medionites destroyed? Numb. 22, & 31. Here you may see how the Enemy appeared in Balack, who would have de-

stroyed the Jews; but the Lord prevented him, and Balaam.

And many Informers were against David, but especially Doedg the Edomite, which informed Saul against David, and Ahimelech the Priest, and all his Father's house, because he received David: and Saul commanded his Foot-mento slay the Priests; but Saul's Servants would not put forth their Hands to fall upon the Priests of the Lo.d; and Saul bid Doedg the Edomite, the Informer, and he fell upon them, and slew eighty five persons on that day, that wore the Linnen Ephod;

and Nob, the City of the Priests, smote he with the edge of the Sword, both Men, Women, Children and Sucklings. And here you may see the Informer was a Murderer of the Innocent, 1 Sam. 22. And in chap. 23, 25, 26. you may see how the Informers went to Saul, and informed him against David. And you may see in Psal. 52. how David prophesied the Destruction of Doedg the Edomite, who came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come in the house of Ahemelec.

And in Ezra 4. there you may see several Informers writ Letters against fernsalem to Areaxerces, to hinder the building of the City fernsalem. And you may see how busic Tebiah, and the Arabians, and the Amonites, and Ashadates, and Sandbalat were against the fews when they built ferusalem; and how that Tobiah and Sandbalat hired the False Prophet, to prophesic against Nehemiah; but their Prophecies & their Works came to nought; for the Lord helped his People against them, whom the Serpent made Enemies, and Adversaries.

and Informers against them.

And Hamon, that great Informer against Mordecai and the Tews: Hamon faid unto King Ahashuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad in all the Province of thy Kingdom, and their Laws are diverfe from all people neither keep they the King's Laws; therefore it is not for the King's profit to suffer them: if it please the King, let it be written. that they may be destroyed, and I will pay Ten Thousand Talents of Silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the King's Treasuries. Now here you may fee the Devil, the Destroyer, who is the Enemy and Adversary of God's People, how this Informer hath exceeded all the Informers before, and all the Informers in our times; for instead of being an Informer to get Money, he would give the King Money to destroy God's People, yea 10000. Talents of Silver; and he got the King's Seal for it too, to feal his Writing; but for all this, what became of Hamon? was not he hanged on the Gallows which he built for Mordecai, and abundance of his Confede ates destroyed? and there was the End of proud Hamon, whom the Destroyer lead to be an Informer, and a Destroyer, who was destroyed upon the Gallows that he built for another

And in fer. 38. Pashur, with many others, we e Informers against feremiah, to Zedekiah the King; and you may see this Pashur, the Son of a Priest, had put feremiah in the Stocks, and smote him; and the

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envious Informers faid unto Zedekiah, whom the Devil stirred up to murder him, We befeech thee, O King, let Jeremiah be put to death; for he weakens the hands of the men of war, that remain in the City, and the hands of all the people, in Speaking such words unto them; for Jere miah feeks not the welfare of this people, but their hurs: then Zedekiah faid. He is in your hands; for the King is not be that can do any thing against you. Then they took Ieremiah, and let him down with Cords into the Dungeon, and he funk in the Mire; and the Ethiopian, one of the King's Eunuchs, told the King what these Informers had done, and how that Ieremiah would dye in the Dungeon; and the King bid him take thirty men with him, and take up Jeremiah before he dyed; and the Athiopian took old clouts &rotten raggs, & let them do an by Cords into the Dungeon, and bid him eye them under his Armholes, and so he drew him out of the Dungeon, and put him in the Court of the Prison, where he remained till Jerusalem was taken by Nebuchadnezzer, who put Icremiah out of Prison, and gave him Liberty; and so he found more Mercy at the hands of the Ethiopian, and Nebuchadnezzer's Officers, than he did among the profeffing lews, the Info.mers: and you may fee what a Destruction came upon the City, Zedekiah, and his Sons, and his men of War, and his People, for disobeying the Word of the Lord: and Ieremiah told the Athiopian, that helpt him out of the Dungeon, That he should not fall by Nebuchadnezzer's Sword, because he put his trust in the Lord, Jer. 30.

So here was the End of these Informers, carried into Babylon, and many destroyed. And you may see how the Devil, the Mu derer, and his Informers, his Persecutors, that put Ieremiah in the Dungeon, & thought to have taken away his Life, were put into Prison themselves, and many of their Lives lost; and Ieremiah, who was faithful, and

trusted the Lord, faved, Jer. 49, & 40.

And Dan. 3. you may see how the Destroyer raised up Informers against the three Children, and went to the King, and accused the Iews, and said. Thou O King hast made a Decree, that every man should fall down, and worship the Golden Image; and whose falleth not down, and worshippeth, he shall be cast in a Fiery Furnace; there are certain Jews (said they) which were set over the Affairs of the Province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshech and Abednego; those men, O King, have not regarded thee, they serve not thy Gods, nor wor ship the Golden Image which thou hast set up: This said the Informers. Then Nebuchadnezzer

chadnezzer in his Rage and Fury commanded to bring Shadrach; Meshech and Abednego before him, and he said unto them, Is it true? do you not ferve my Gods, nor wor hip the Golden Image which I have fee up, &c? but if you wor hip not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midft of the Fiery Furnace : Who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? Then faid the three Children unto the King, We are not careful to answer thee in this matter; but if it be fo, our God whom we ferve, is able to deliver us from the burning Fiery Furnace; and he will deliver us out of thy hands, O King: but if not, be it known to thee, O King, we will not ferve thy Geds, nor wor hip the Golden Image which thou hast set up. Here was a positive Answer, and a godly Confidence. Then was the King full of Fury, and the form of his Vifage was changed against the three Children; and he commanded his Furnance to be heat feven times more than it was wont to be, and commanded his most mighty men of his Army to bind the three Children in their Coats, Hofe and Hats, and other Garments, and cast them into the midst of the burning Furnace; which Flames of Fire flew those men that cast them in: Then the King was aftonished, and rose up in haste, and said unto his Counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound in the midst of the Fire? 65they answered & said unto the King True O King: & be answered, & faid, Lo I fee four men loofe, walking in the midft of the Fire, and they have no hurt, of the form of the fourth is like the Son of God: of the King called the three Children out of the Fire. And fo the King was made to bless the God of Shadrach, Meshech and Abednego; and made a Decree, That every People, Nation and Language, which spoke any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshech and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their Houses shall be made a Dunghill, because there is no other God that can deliver after this fort.

Now here you may fee, the Lord confounded the Murderous Informers, and the Fury and Rage of Nebuchadnezzar; and his Mighty men were flain, that cast the three Children into the Fire; but the Lord delivered the three Children that trusted in him, to the Exaltation

of his Glory and Name.

And also you may see in Daniel 6. Darius made Daniel chief of the Presidents, and the Presidents and Princes turned Informers against Daniel; and these Informers could not find any fault or Error in him, because he was faithful; then said these Informers, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concern-

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ing the Law of his God. And therefore they got the King to establish a Decree in writing, that it be not changed, according to the Law of the Medes and Perfians, which alters not; which Decree was, That whofcever bould ask a Petition of any God or Man for thirty days faving of thee, O King, they shall be cast into the Don of Lyons. And all the Presidents of the Kingdom, and the Governours, and the Princes, and the Counfellors, and the Captains, consulted together concerning this Decree, which the King signed. Now Daniel knew the Writing was figned; he went to his House and his Windows being open in his Chamber to, he kneeled down three times of the day, & gray'd and gave thanks to God, as he had done before time. Then these men, the Informers, affembled, and found Daniel praying, and making supplication before his God; then these men assembled unto the King, and informed him against Daniel; then the King commanded Daniel to be brought; and be east into the Lyons Den, according to the Decree that they had wickedly got of the King; and the King encouraged Daniel, and faid unto him, Thy God, whom thou ferveft, he will deliver thee : and early in the morning the King rose, and went in haste unto the Den of Lyens, and faid, O Daniel, the Servant of the living God, is thy God, whem thou ferveft continually, able to deliver thee ? And Daniel faid, My God bathr fent his Angel, and shut up the Lyons Mouthes, that they have not have me, for a much as before him Innocency was found in me, alfo before thee, O King, I have done no hurt. And then the King commanded them to take up Daniel out of the Lyons Den; and commanifed them to take those great men, which were the Accusers and Informers against Daniel, and cast them, and their Wives and Children into the Lyons Den; and the Lyons had the maftery over them, and broak all their Bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the Den. So here was the end of these devilish Informers, or Accusers, who were Princes and Presidents. And then Darius made a Decree, That in every Dominion of his Kingdom, men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel; for he is the Living God, and fleadfast forever and his Condom that which shall not be destroyed, and his Dominion shall be even to the end. Here you may fee, God was exalted by them that believed in him, and the wicked destroying Informers were destroyed. And the Chief Priefts and Scribes fought how they might kill Jefus,

And the Chief Priefts and Scribes lought how they might kill felus, for they feared the people; then entred Satan into Inda, and he communed with the Chief Priefts and Captains, how he might betray him

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unto them; and they were glad, and covenanted with him to givehim Money (to wit) thirty pieces of Silver; and the Chief Priest perfwaded the multitude, that they should ask Barrabas, and crucifie Jefus; and all the Chief Priests and Elders of the people took Counfel against Jesus to put him to death; and they sought False Witnesses. against him, but found none; at the last came two False Witnesses, and faid, This Fellow faid, I am able to defroy the Temple of God, and build it in three dayes: and Pilate fought to release Jeffis; but the Iews cryedout, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cæfar's, Friends &c. And so when these False Accusers, and Informers, and False Witnesses, with Pilare's Judgment, had crucified Jefus, after he was rifen, the Chief Priests affembled with the Elders, and after they had taken counsel, they gave large Money to the Soldiers that watched the Sepulch e, to fay, That Chrift's Disclotes came by Night, and stole him away while they flept. So here is the Devil and Satan, which entred into the lews, and Indas, &c. which made Indas a Betrayer, and the Iews False Witnesses, Lyars and Murderers of the Just; and the Iews to this day believe their Lyes, and false Information, That Christ's Disciples stole him away by Night while the Watch slept; but the Lord recompenced them all according to their Works.

And you may fee how Satan made Falle Witnesses and Informers against Steven; and they brought him to the High Priess Court, and there he examin'd him; but at last you may see they murder'd him, and stoned him to death as he was calling upon God, and saying,

Lord lefus receive my spirit, Acts 7.

And did not Indas betray Christ with a Kiss? and was not Christ led to Casphas the High Priests Court, or Hall, where the Scribes and Elders were affembled, and the High Priest examined him in his Court until the Cock crew twice? & did not the Truth that Christ spoke to the High Priest put him into such a Wrath or Rage, that he tore or rent his Clothes?

And were not Peter and John haled before Ananias the High Priests Court, where the Rulers, Elders and Scribes, and John, and Alexander, and many of the Kindred of the High Priest, were gathered together? and did not they set Peter and John in the midst, and examin them, and charged them, to speak no more in the Name of Issus; but Peter and John said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to bearken unrelyon, or unto God, judge ye, for we cannot but speak

the things which we have fren and heard; then the High Priest threat-

ned them, and let them go, Att. 4.

And again, you may may see how the High Priest, and all that were with him, were filled with Indignation, and rose up against the Aposteles, and cast them into the common Prison; but the Lord delivered them.

And you may see all along in many places of Acts, how the Jews rose up against the Apostles; and how that one of the Officers came and told the Chief Priests & Captain, That the Apostles were preaching in the Timple, which they east into Prison; and the Captain and the Officers brought them, and set them before the Council; and the high Priest and they rook counsel to slay them; but Gamaliel said unto them, Refrain your selves from these men, and let them alone; for if this Work or this Counsel be of men, it will come to nought; but if it be of God, you cannot overthrow it, less happily ye be found even to sight against God: And his Counsel swayed, and stopt the High Priest and

his Court for Murdering of them.

And Saul, he made Havock of the Church, entring into every house. and haling men and women, committing them to prison; and Saul yet breathed out Threatnings and Slaughters against the Disciples of the Lord, and went to the High Priest, and defired of him Letters to Damascus to the Synagogues, If he found any of this Way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerufalem. his Authority was from the Chief Prieft, to persecute; but Christ met him in the way, and told him, It was hard for him to kick against the Pricks; and faid unto him, Saul, Saul, why perfecutefe thou me ? for he was perfecuting Christ in his Members; and Christ converted him. and after some time fent him to Damason, to preach his Gospel, where he was going to perfecute; but after many dayes that he had preach't the Gospel at Donascus, the lews there took counsel to kill him, and they watch't night and day at the Gates to kill him; but the Disciples of Christ took Paul by night, and let him down by the Wall in a Basket, and so he scaped those murdering Professors, without Posfession, as you may see in Ast. 9. So he that went to persecute at Damascus, was persecuted at Damascus for preaching Christ, whom he was going to perfecute: and here you may fee how the Perfecutors were Confounded.

And in Att. 14. there you may see how the unbelieving Jens stir'd

up the Gemiles, & made their minds evil-affected against the Brethren; and Elimas the Sorcerer withstood Barnabas and Paul, to turn away the Deputy from the Faith. Here you may see the professing Jews and the Sorcerer were found in one spirit; but the Jews, were spiritually blind with Evil, and God struck Elimas naturally blind: and the Jews, which were more than forty, that came to the Chief Priests and Elders, and faid unto them, how that they had bound them felves under a Curfe that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul; and the Chief Priefts and the Council were to mannage this matter for thefe Murderers; then they were to fend to the Captain, that kept Paul a Prisoner, to bring him out of the Castle, which was his Prison, to the Chief Priests and Elders, under a pretence, that they would enquire fomething of him; and these Murderers were ready to murder him, before ever he came near them: but the Captain of the Castle understanding the thing, the Lord put it in his mind to send Paul away, by which the Innocent escapt the hands of these Murdering Informers and Lyars, which the Chief Priests and Counsel had a hand in; and Paul had more Mercy from the Roman Captain, than he had from the professing Fews, and their Priests: And after a while, Ananias the high Priest with the Elders, with a certain Orator, named Terrullus. informed the Governour Falix against Paul; and after a great deal of dawbing & plaufible expressions, as you may fee in Acts 24. faid they, We have found this man a Pestilent Fellow, a Mover of Sedition among all the Jews throughout the World, and a Ringleader of the Sect of the Nazareans; and so after many grievous false Charges they laid against Paul, Paul had liberty to clear himself from their Lyes, and Slanders, and false Informations; and when they had kept Paul about two years in Prison there, Festus came into the Province, then the High Priest and chief of the Fews informed him against Paul, and defired favour against him, that he would fend for him to ferufalem, the fews lying in wait in the way to kill him; but Festue faid unto them, Which among you are able go down to Cefaria to accuse this man; and when they came there, they laid many grievous Complaints against Paul, which they could not prove; and so the Lord delivered him out of these Murderous Informers hands, though Festus would have done the fews a pleafure, as having Paul up to lerufalem, to be judged there by him; but Paul appealing unto Cafar, prevented him, and the Jews, and the high Priest of their Delign against him, as you may see in At. 25. more at rge.

And what became of Jezebel, with her informing Letters, that the wrote in Ahab's name, to the Elders and Nobles that were in the City, dwelling with Naboth, who bid them, Proclaim a Fast, end set up Naboth on high among the People; and sent two Sons of Beliat before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst Blaspheme God and the King; and then carry him out, and stone him, that he may dye; and they did so, according to Iezebel's Information; and when they had killed him, she and her Husband took possession of his Estate: but what Destruction came upon Anab and Jezebel, and all that took their part, as you may read the entence and Jud gment, 1 King. 21.

And therefore let all Murderers, Informers, and Sons of Belial. take heed, who feek the Destruction of the Righteous, in that they bring Destruction upon themselves, as you may see all along in the Scriptures, what was the End of fuch, whether they were high or low. Prieft. Professor or Prophane, the Righteons God spared none; and therefore read the Scriptures from one end of the Book to the other. & there you may see the fad Examples and Judgments that have come on such, whom the Devil (who was the great Informer) hath made Lyars and Informers, False Witnesses and False Accusers against the Righteous; and let them be like fo many Way-marks, to shun the Evil; but Christ is come to destroy the Devil and his Works, and to bruife his Head, who was the Informer against Job, and the Falle Teacher and Informer of Adam and Eve to transgress the Command of G.d; therefore if Christ destroyeth the Father of all fuch Informers, Persecutors and Lyars, and False Witnesses, his Children may fear Destruction; and the Saints can fing Halelujah over the Devil. Satan. Serpent, and all his Followers, that do his work, whom the Living God will Reward accordingly.

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